

A M E N D M E N T

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A compound [or variant thereof] having lymphocyte immunomodulating activity, wherein said compound comprises N-terminal acylated and/or C-terminal amidated or esterified forms, wherein said compound further [comprises] consists essentially of [from] at least 12 up to 60 amino acids wherein said compound comprises the formula:

α - β

wherein:

α and β are the same or different and are of the formula:

(a) $\{R\ aa^{76-77} L\} (aa^{79-84})$ (SEQ ID NO:1)
or

(b) $(aa^{84-79}) \{L\ aa^{77-76} R\}$ (SEQ ID NO:2)

wherein:

aa^{76} is E or V;

aa^{77} is D, S or N;

aa^{79} is R or G;

aa^{80} is I or N;

aa^{81} is a hydrophobic or small amino acid;

aa^{82} is R or L;

aa^{83} is G or R;

aa^{84} is a hydrophobic or small amino acid;

wherein

the sequence in the brackets may optionally be absent or truncated at any bond within the brackets.